LETTER HEAD

<Organisation Address>

<Organisation Details>

<Today's date>

Dear Patient

**Name: <Patient Name>**

DOB: <Date of Birth>

Address: <Patient Address>

NHS number: <NHS number>

**Letter about Damp/Mould in Accommodation**

Please show this letter to your accommodation provider (this might be the Council, a private landlord, a housing association or a Home Office provider).

You have reported problems to your GP surgery about damp/mould in your home.

In your particular case, you have reported symptoms and/or have medical conditions which increase your risks of harm from damp/mould. *These are………free text from records………..(delete this paragraph if there are none)*

**Medical Problems:**

<Problems(table)>

**Regular Medications:**

<Repeat Templates(table)>

The health impact of the air within homes needs to be taken seriously as a significant source of ill health. Social deprivation and poor-quality housing in particular are associated with illness. Persistent exposure to mould and damp have been shown to increase the likelihood of lung problems.

Accommodation providers have a legal duty of care under the Housing Act 2004 to ensure that the housing they provide is safe and free from hazards that pose a threat to the health of their tenants.

Yours sincerely

Name: <Your Name>

On behalf of *......name of service.....*

[[1]](#endnote-1) This template has been created by TortureID as part of a bank of resources for NHS clinicians who are working with people who are seeking asylum. [www.tortureid.org](http://www.tortureid.org). It has been created by Dr Jo Miller who is a GP working with people seeking asylum. They are suggestions, drawn from practical GP experience, about how to respond to common requests.  They are not 'official' templates with the endorsement of any organisations. The asylum environment is fast changing, and materials are likely to need updating regularly. Each template needs to be read through, agreed and adapted to the needs of the service planning to use them.

1. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)